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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Election of officers

Elections are held in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. 1/

Until its eleventh special session, the practice of the Commission had been to elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. Officers from the previous session were elected to the offices immediately superior to those that they had held and a new Rapporteur was elected. The regional group from which the outgoing Chairman came would not be represented in the Bureau, but the outgoing Chairman's State would be represented on the Steering Committee whenever it was a member of the Commission. If one of the outgoing officers was no longer the representative of a State member of the Commission, the officer next in line would be elected to the "vacant" office; thus, for example, in addition to a new Rapporteur, it might be necessary to elect a new Vice-Chairman. The Commission would also set up, at its opening meeting, a Steering Committee composed of the newly elected officers, together with the representatives of States that, since the establishment of the Commission in 1946, had chaired the Commission (provided that those States were members of the Commission). The function of the Steering Committee was to plan business of the Commission. Prior to the opening of the session, the outgoing Steering Committee would hold an informal organizational meeting.

At its eleventh special session, however, the Commission elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. 2/ It did not set up a Steering Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session was proposed by the Commission at its thirty-third session and approved by the Economic and Social Council by its decision 1989/118.

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At its eleventh special session, pursuant to rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, 1/ the Commission decided to defer consideration of certain matters under sub-item 9 (b) of its agenda to its thirty-fourth session. In addition, it agreed to consider the question of enlargement of the membership of the Commission at its thirty-fourth session under a separate agenda item. 3/ The provisional agenda has been amended to include those matters.

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/15, the provisional agenda was revised to include a separate item entitled "Development and promotion of more effective action against illicit drug trafficking through regional co-operation in drug law enforcement". In view of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on various topics relating to international drug control, in particular, General Assembly resolution 45/179, in which the General Assembly requested the Commission, at its thirty-fourth session, to consider ways and means of improving its functioning, the provisional agenda was further revised to include under agenda item 12 a sub-item entitled "Matters arising from the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly".

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Commission normally establishes a timetable for the session. A provisional timetable (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.1) will be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration by the Commission.

A provisional list of documents for the session will be circulated (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.2).

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/CN.7/1991/1/Rev.1)
Annotations to the provisional agenda (E/CN.7/1991/1/Add.1)
Provisional timetable (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.1)
Provisional list of documents (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.2)

3. Implementation of international drug control treaties

Under item 3 of its provisional agenda, the Commission is called upon to carry out its treaty functions under the provisions of various articles of the international drug control treaties.

The Commission will examine two recommendations by the World Health Organization (WHO) in accordance with article 2 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971. 4/ The first recommendation is to the effect that the substance delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-9-THC) and its stereochemical variants should be transferred from Schedule I to Schedule II of the Convention. Under the provisions of article 2 of the 1971 Convention, the Commission should decide whether to transfer the substance from Schedule I to Schedule II or, if not, whatever other action might be appropriate. The second recommendation is that the substance propylhexedrine (N, α-dimethylcyclohexaneethylamine) should be deleted from Schedule IV of the Convention. Under the provisions of article 2 of the 1971 Convention, the Commission should decide whether this substance should be deleted from Schedule IV or, if not, whatever other action might be appropriate. Data connected with the two notifications (E.CN.7/1991/17) will be before the Commission.

The Commission will also examine a recommendation by WHO for the termination of exemptions granted pursuant to article 3 of the 1971 Convention. WHO has notified the Secretary-General that it is of the opinion that the exemption of 55 preparations containing butalbital, granted by the Government of the United States of America, should be terminated, so that the requirements of article 12, paragraph 2, of the 1971 Convention should apply to those preparations. Under the terms of article 3, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Commission, "taking into account the recommendation from the World Health Organization, whose assessment shall be determinative as to medical and scientific matters, and bearing in mind the economic, social, legal, administrative and other factors it may consider relevant, may decide to terminate the exemption of the preparation from any or all control measures". Data connected with this recommendation (E/CN.7/1991/17) will be before the Commission.

With regard to the two preceding paragraphs, the attention of the Commission is drawn to the fact that, in accordance with the provisions of article 17 of the 1971 Convention, "the decisions of the Commission provided for in articles 2 and 3 shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Commission". This means that, for a decision to be adopted, an affirmative vote of at least 27 members of the Commission is required.

The most recent draft cumulative index of national laws and regulations relating to the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.11) will be before the Commission. It covers the period 1987-1990, during which many States engaged in intense legislative activity in connection with the preparation and adoption of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (E/CONF.82/15 and Corr.2). After being approved by the Commission, the draft cumulative index will be issued as a United Nations sales publication and will be circulated to all Governments and interested institutions.

Further information on the draft cumulative index will be provided in a note by the Secretary-General on the subject (E/CN.7/1991/17/Add.1).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of international drug control treaties (E/CN.7/1991/17)

Note by the Secretariat on the cumulative index of national laws and regulations relating to the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances published in the E/NL. series for the period 1987-1990 (E/CN.7/1991/17/Add.1)

Cumulative index 1987-1990 (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.11)

4. Situation and trends in drug abuse and illicit traffic

Under item 4 of the provisional agenda, the Commission will review the general situation with respect to drug abuse as summarized in a report by the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1991/18).

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1991/20) on the review of the illicit traffic, which will contain

an analysis of the general situation, and a note by the Secretary-General containing statistics relating to seizures for the period 1987-1989 (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.8).

The Commission may wish to take note of two other matters that were deferred from the eleventh special session but which relate to item 4 of the provisional agenda: a report of the Secretary-General on drug abuse: extent, patterns and trends (E/CN.7/1990/14) and a note by the Secretary-General containing data on illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for the period 1986-1988 (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.8). 3/

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on drug abuse: extent, patterns and trends (E/CN.7/1991/18)

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the illicit traffic (E/CN.7/1991/20)

Note by the Secretary-General on data on illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for 1987-1989 (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.8)

Report of the Secretary-General on drug abuse: extent, patterns and trends (E/CN.7/1990/14)

Note by the Secretary-General on data on illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for 1986-1988 (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.8)

5. Further action required in connection with the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

The United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances was opened for signature on 20 December 1988 and entered into force on 11 November 1990. Article 21 of the 1988 Convention authorizes the Commission to consider all matters pertaining to the aims of the Convention, including a review of its operation.

The Commission will have before it a report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1991/13) on further action required in connection with the 1988 Convention. The report presents an outline of the steps that the Commission may wish to consider and recommend to the international community or to instruct the Secretariat to carry out concerning adherence to, and the application of, the 1988 Convention.

The report of the International Narcotics Control Board on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention will be considered by the Commission under sub-item 7 (b) of the provisional agenda.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on further action required in connection with the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (E/CN.7/1991/13)

6. Prevention and reduction of the illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1989/14, requested the Secretary-General to issue a questionnaire to all Governments and regional intergovernmental organizations about action taken at the national and regional levels to implement the seven targets set out in chapter I of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control, 5/ adopted by the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (ICDAIT). The Council also requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report analysing the information submitted and assessing how best to provide help to States in furthering demand reduction strategies, and the extent to which each of the seven targets continued to be relevant.

A questionnaire was accordingly prepared by the Division of Narcotic Drugs, in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and WHO. It was sent at the beginning of 1990 to 171 Governments and 17 intergovernmental organizations, which were requested to transmit their replies by 31 May 1990. As of 1 September 1990, 52 replies had been received: 44 from Governments and 8 from intergovernmental organizations. Twenty of the 40 members of the Commission had sent their replies. The report summarizing the main conclusions to be drawn from the replies (E/CN.7/1991/19) will be before the Commission.

Pursuant to Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 3 (S-X) and paragraph 13 of the Global Programme of Action annexed to General Assembly resolution S-17/2, a meeting of the Expert Group on the Establishment of an International Drug Abuse Assessment System (IDAAS) was held at Vienna from 29 to 31 October 1990. The tasks of the Expert Group were:

(a) To review and finalize the draft of the questionnaire in the light of the results of the field testing conducted since the previous expert group meeting;

(b) To identify specific data elements to be considered for inclusion in the country profile to be reported annually to the Commission;

(c) To examine strategies for the implementation of IDAAS;

(d) To make specific recommendations on IDAAS.

The report of the Expert Group (E/CN.7/1991/23) will be before the Commission for its review. Draft revised part B of the annual reports questionnaire (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.10) will also be before the Commission.

Consideration of a report of an expert group meeting organized by the Division of Narcotic Drugs in 1989 on the establishment of IDAAS (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.3) was deferred by the eleventh special session. 3/ The Commission may wish to review that report under item 6 of the provisional agenda.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of drug abuse and measures to reduce illicit demand (E/CN.7/1991/19)

Report of the Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of an International Drug Abuse Assessment System, held at Vienna from 29 to 31 October 1990 (E/CN.7/1991/23)

Annual reports questionnaire: draft revised part B

Report of the Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of an International Drug Abuse Assessment System, held at Vienna from 3 to 7 July 1989 (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.3)

7. Action related to international drug control taken at the international level

(a) International drug control activities in the United Nations system

Pursuant to paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 34/177, entitled "International co-operation in drug abuse control", the Secretary-General has prepared an annual report on the progress made on the implementation of that resolution and Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 8 (XXVIII). The report of the Secretary-General contains not only data on the co-ordination of drug control activities within the United Nations system, but also individual reports on activities of various United Nations bodies and programmes, as well as those of specialized agencies. The 1990 report (A/45/542) is presented in a modified format structured around the five major chapters of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (E/1990/39 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1), which itself is structured according to the chapters of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline. The 1990 report will be before the Commission, introduced by a note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1991/11).

The Commission will also have before it the reports of three meetings of experts organized by the Division in 1990: (a) the Meeting of the Expert Group on Pre-Trial Destruction of Seized Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances, Precursors and Essential Chemicals (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.5); (b) the Advisory Meeting of Experts on the Review of the United Nations Drug Law Enforcement Training Manual (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.7); and (c) the Meeting of the Expert Group on the Detection and Assay of Controlled Drugs in Biological Specimens (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.9).

Under sub-item 7 (a) of its provisional agenda, the Commission may also wish to take note of the reports of four expert group meetings organized by the Division in 1989: (a) the Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of an International Drug Abuse Assessment System (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.3); (b) the meeting of the Consultative Group on Establishment of Guidelines for Training Programmes in Forensic and Toxicology Analysis (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.4); (c) the meeting of the Expert Group on Recommended Methods of Testing Barbiturate Derivatives under International Control and Hallucinogenic Plant Products (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.5); and (d) the meeting of the Expert Group on the Detection and Assay of Controlled Drugs in Biological Specimens (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.6). Consideration of those reports was deferred by the Commission at its eleventh special session. 3/

(b) International Narcotics Control Board

The report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1990 (E/INCB/1990/1) is submitted to the Council through the Commission in

accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending that Convention, 6/ article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention, and article 22, paragraph 1, of the 1988 Convention. The Commission, in accordance with the provisions of those articles, may make such comments on the report as it sees fit. In addition, article 8 of the 1961 Convention authorizes the Commission to call the attention of the Board to any matters that may be relevant to the functions of the Board. The report will be introduced by a note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1991/8).

Article 12, paragraph 13, of the 1988 Convention, on substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances, requires the Board to report annually to the Commission on the implementation of that article. The first report of the Board on article 12 following the entry into force of the 1988 Convention (E/CN.7/1991/21) will be before the Commission for its review.

(c) United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control

The Commission at its twenty-ninth session 7/ decided that a complete report on the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control should be submitted biennially at its regular sessions. Such a report (E/CN.7/1991/10), introduced by a note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1991/9), will be before the Commission. The report will be supplemented by country programme reports (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.3) and statistics (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.4).

(d) Intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

Under sub-item 7 (d) of its provisional agenda, the Commission will be informed of action related to international drug control taken by intergovernmental organizations (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.6) and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. Reports of individual non-governmental organizations will be before the Commission as documents in the E/CN.7/1991/NGO series. The reporting procedure will be explained in a note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1991/14).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation in drug abuse control (A/45/542)

Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the International Narcotics Control Board (E/CN.7/1991/8)

Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (E/CN.7/1991/9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (E/CN.7/1991/10)

Note by the Secretary-General on international drug control activities in the United Nations system (E/CN.7/1991/11)

Note by the Secretary-General on intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.7/1991/14)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/CN.7/1991/21)

Comprehensive review of the activities of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control in 1990 (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.3)

Financial report on operations financed by the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control for 1990 (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.4)

Report of the meeting of the Expert Group on Pre-Trial Destruction of Seized Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances, Precursors and Essential Chemicals, held at Bangkok from 22 to 26 October 1990 (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.5)

Note by the Secretary-General on reports by intergovernmental organizations (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.6)

Report of the Advisory Meeting of Experts on the Review of the United Nations Drug Law Enforcement Training Manual, held at Vienna from 10 to 14 December 1990 (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.7)

Report on the Meeting of the Expert Group on the Detection and Assay of Controlled Drugs in Biological Specimens, held at Madrid from 1 to 5 October 1990 (E/CN.7/1991/CRP.9)

Report of the Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of an International Drug Abuse Assessment System, held at Vienna from 3 to 7 July 1989 (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.3)

Report of the Consultative Group on Establishment of Guidelines for Training Programmes in Forensic and Toxicology Analysis, Banjul, 13-17 March 1989 (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.4)

Report on the meeting of the Expert Group on Recommended Methods of Testing Barbiturate Derivatives under International Control and Hallucinogenic Plant Products, held at Wiesbaden from 19 to 23 June 1989 (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.5)

Report on the meeting of the Expert Group on the Detection and Assay of Controlled Drugs in Biological Specimens, held at Singapore from 25 to 29 September 1989 (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.6)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1990 (E/INCB/1990/1)

8. <u>Development and promotion of more effective action against illicit drug trafficking through regional co-operation in drug law enforcement</u>

In its resolution 1988/15, the Economic and Social Council requested the Commission to include in the agenda of its regular and special sessions a separate item entitled "Development and promotion of more effective action against illicit drug trafficking through regional co-operation in drug law

enforcement", under which it should consider reports or recommendations of the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East. The provisional agenda has been revised to include that item. The Commission is invited to review the reports of the Third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa (E/CN.7/1991/2 and Corr.1), the Third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean (E/CN.7/1991/3), the Fifteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific (E/CN.7/1991/4 and Corr.1) and the First Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe (E/CN.7/1991/5), as well as the report of the Sub-Commission on its twenty-seventh session (E/CN.7/1991/6). The Commission is also invited to consider the draft resolutions, draft decisions, draft recommendations and other matters brought to its attention or recommended for its adoption in those reports. The Commission may also wish to approve the reports of the meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies, including the recommendations emanating from the working groups established by those meetings to address themselves to urgent issues facing drug law enforcement agencies in the fight against illicit traffic in the various regions. The reports will be introduced by a note by the Secretariat (E/CN.7/1991/22).

Documentation

Report of the Third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Africa, held at Cairo from 4 to 8 June 1990 (E/CN.7/1991/2 and Corr.1)

Report of the Third Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, held at Oranjestad, Aruba, from 24 to 28 September 1990 (E/CN.7/1991/3)

Report of the Fifteenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific, held at Beijing from 15 to 19 October 1990 (E/CN.7/1991/4 and Corr.1)

Report of the First Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe, held in Moscow from 19 to 23 November 1990 (E/CN.7/1991/5 and Corr.1)

Report of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East on its twenty-seventh session (E/CN.7/1991/6)

Note by the Secretariat on reports of meetings of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies and of the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East (E/CN.7/1991/22)

9. Implementation of the recommendations of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

In the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, 8/ the Secretary-General was requested to keep under constant review the activities referred to in the Declaration and in the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline. The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat (E/CN.7/1991/15) on the implementation of the recommendations arising from ICDAIT.

The Commission will also have before it a report (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.16) on the development of a drug abuse control information strategy, consideration of which was deferred by the eleventh special session. 3/ The development of an information strategy is intended to assist the drug control units in fulfilling the responsibilities mandated as follow-up to ICDAIT, in accordance with target 1 of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline: Assessment of the extent of drug misuse and abuse.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the recommendations of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (E/CN.7/1991/15)

Note by the Secretariat on the report on the development of a drug abuse control information strategy (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.16)

10. Programme of future work and priorities

The Commission should draw up the provisional agendas for its twelfth special session and its thirty-fifth session. Draft provisional agendas will be before the Commission in a note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1991/16).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the review of the programme of work, priorities and activities (E/CN.7/1991/16)

11. Enlargement of the membership of the Commission

At its thirty-third session, the Commission decided to give further consideration to the question of whether to recommend to the Economic and Social Council the enlargement of the membership of the Commission from 40 to 50 members. 9/

At its eleventh special session, the Commission agreed that the question of enlargement of the membership of the Commission would be considered at its thirty-fourth session under a separate agenda item. 3/ A note by the Secretary-General on the subject (E/CN.7/1991/12) will be before the Commission for its consideration.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the enlargement of the membership of the Commission (E/CN.7/1991/12)

12. Other matters

(a) Matters before the Commission at its eleventh special session discussion of which was deferred until the present session

The Commission at its eleventh special session decided to defer consideration of the following matters until its thirty-fourth session: 3/

(a) Enlargement of the membership of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

(b) Review of recurrent publications: summary of comments received from States members of and observers to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

(c) Drug abuse: extent, patterns and trends;

(d) Reports of expert group meetings organized by the Division in 1989;

(i) On the establishment of an international drug abuse assessment system;

(ii) On the establishment of guidelines for training programmes in forensic and toxicology analysis;

(iii) On recommended methods of testing barbiturate derivatives under international control and hallucinogenic plant products;

(iv) On the detection and assay of controlled drugs in biological specimens;

(e) Data on illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, 1986-1988;

(f) The development of a drug information strategy.

The enlargement of the membership will be considered by the Commission under item 11 of its provisional agenda.

For a more efficient organization of its work, the Commission may wish to consider under other items of its provisional agenda some of the other matters listed above as well. For example, it may wish to consider the report of the Secretary-General on drug abuse: extent, patterns and trends for 1990 (E/CN.7/1990/14) under item 4 of its provisional agenda, together with the 1991 report on the subject (E/CN.7/1991/18). In addition, it may wish to consider the report of the Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of an International Drug Abuse Assessment System (E/CN/7/1990/CRP.3) under item 6 of its provisional agenda. Similarly, the reports of the meeting of the Consultative Group on Establishment of Guidelines for Training programmes in Forensic and Toxicology Analysis (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.4), the meeting of the Expert Group on Recommended Methods of Testing Barbiturate derivatives under International Control and Hallucinogenic Plant Products (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.5), and the meeting of the Expert Group on the Detection and Assay of Controlled Drugs in Biological Specimens (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.6) could be considered under sub-item 7 (a) of the provisional agenda. Finally, it may wish to consider under item 9 of the provisional agenda the report on the development of a drug abuse control information strategy (E/CN.7/1990/CRP.16).

Following the procedure outlined above would leave only the review of recurrent publications under sub-item 12 (a) of the provisional agenda.

In its resolution 4 (XXXIII), the Commission requested "States members and observers of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to review the usefulness for them of the publications and documentation of the Division of Narcotic Drugs, bearing in mind current resource constraints". A summary of the comments sent by States on that subject was submitted to the Commission at its eleventh special session. Following that special session, States that had not sent their comments were again invited to do so. The Commission will have before

it a note by the Secretary-General containing a summary of the comments received from States prior to and since the convening of the Commission at its eleventh special session (E/CN.7/1991/7).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the review of recurrent publications and other documentation: summary of comments received from States members of and observers to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/1991/7)

(b) Matters arising from the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly, in its resolution 45/179, requested the Commission, at its thirty-fourth session, to consider ways and means of improving its functioning as a policy-making body and to report its recommendations to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1991. In that same resolution, it requested the Secretary-General to transmit his report on enhancement of the efficiency of the United Nations structure and its addendum (A/45/652 and Add.1) to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session so that they could be taken into account when the Commission discussed ways and means of improving its functioning. To assist the Commission in that matter, a note has been prepared by the Secretariat on the functioning of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies (E/CN.7/1991/24).

In line with paragraph 97 of the Global Programme of Action, the General Assembly, in its resolution 45/148, requested the Commission and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to promote and continuously monitor the progress on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action. The Commission may wish to consider possible ways of monitoring action taken to implement the Global Programme of Action - action taken not only by the United Nations system but also by States. The report of the Secretary-General on the Global Programme of Action (A/45/536) will be before the Commission.

The General Assembly at its forty-fifth session had before it a report of the Secretary-General (A/45/535) dealing with, inter alia, the report of the Intergovernmental Expert Group to Study the Economic and Social Consequences of Illicit Traffic in Drugs, which had met at Vienna from 21 to 25 May and from 9 to 20 July 1990. The General Assembly, in its resolution 45/149, section B, invited the Commission to study the recommendations and conclusions of the Expert Group, in particular those on the proposed framework for an in-depth study on the economic and social consequences of illicit traffic in drugs and psychotropic substances, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session through the Economic and Social Council. In that same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to give due consideration to any recommendations made by the Commission on the subject.

In view of this, a note by the Secretariat (E/CN.7/1991/25) containing the recommendations of the Expert Group and the framework for the future in-depth study that they proposed will be before the Commission.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the global programme of action against illicit narcotic drugs (A/45/536)

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancement of the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control (A/45/652)

Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on enhancement of the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control (A/45/652/Add.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the functioning of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and its subsidiary bodies (E/CN.7/1991/24)

Note by the Secretariat on the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Expert Group to Study the Economic and Social Consequences of Illicit Traffic in Drugs (E/CN.7/1991/25)

13. Report of the Commission on its thirty-fourth session

In principle, draft resolutions and draft decisions to be considered by the Commission should be introduced under the agenda item to which they relate; whenever possible, the resolutions or decisions should be adopted following consideration of that item. The Commission will adopt the report on its thirty-fourth session on the last day.

Notes

1/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.10.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 4 (E/1990/24), chap. IX, sect. C.

3/ Ibid., sect. G.

4/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

5/ See Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. A.

6/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 976, No. 14152.

7/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 4 (E/1981/24), chap. VIII, para. 282 (c).

8/ See Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. B.

9/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 5 (E/1989/23), chap. VIII, sect. B.